

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

- The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 01/21/08 and 04/03/08 was filed after the Request for Continued Examination on 01/21/08. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

- The correction filed on 03/13/2008 of the IDS 12/21/2006 is acknowledged.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

- An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicant's representative, Stuart B. Shapiro, on 04/23/2008.

- In the Claims filed on 10/18/2007, please
AMEND claims 1, 31 and 61 as below:

1 (Currently amended). A computer-implemented method for creating a content object, being one of a book, a document, a collection of images, a collection of musical selections, a video and a multimedia object, from a collection of content stored in a digital library having a library server and one or more object servers, wherein the content object includes a user defined hierarchical structure including at least one hierarchical tier and at least one subordinate tier, the method comprising:

presenting a plurality of selectable objects from the digital library to a user for inclusion in the content object, each selectable object representing a subset of the collection of content and including a title;

~~enabling selection by~~ receiving from a user a selection of one or more of said selectable objects and a specification by said user of a location for each of one or more of said selected objects within said user defined hierarchical structure including at least one hierarchical tier and at least one subordinate tier;

creating the content object according to said user defined hierarchical structure, wherein the created content object includes including a hierarchical compilation of the content represented by each one or more of said selected objects and is arranged in accordance with said specified location for of each of one or more of said selected objects by said user;

~~enabling entry of~~ receiving a title selectively entered by said user for ~~the~~ each specified location of each of one or more of said selected objects within said hierarchical structure for a corresponding selected object and assigning said entered title to that specified location, wherein said entered and assigned title is different than said included title of the corresponding selected object ~~to provide the corresponding selected object with a title within said content object different than said included title;~~

storing said created content object in said one or more object servers; and

storing information specifying the created content object and attribute information concerning the created content object in the library server.

31 (Currently amended). A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for creating a content object, being one of a book, a document, a collection of images, a collection of musical selections, a video and a multimedia object, from a collection of content stored in a digital library having a library server and one or more object servers, wherein the content object includes a user defined hierarchical structure including at least one hierarchical tier and at least one subordinate tier, the method comprising:

presenting a plurality of selectable objects from the digital library to a user for inclusion in the content object, each selectable object representing a subset of the collection of content and including a title;

~~enabling selection by~~ receiving from a user a selection of one or more of said selectable objects and a specification by said user of a location for each of one or more of said selected objects within said user defined hierarchical structure including at least one hierarchical tier and at least one subordinate tier;

creating the content object according to said user defined hierarchical structure, wherein the created content object includes ~~including a hierarchical compilation of the content represented by each one or more of said selected objects and is arranged in accordance with said specified location for of each of one or more of said selected objects by said user;~~

~~enabling entry of~~ receiving a title selectively entered by said user for the each specified location of each of one or more of said selected objects within said hierarchical structure for a corresponding selected object and assigning said entered title to that specified location, wherein said entered and assigned title is different than said included title of the corresponding selected object to provide the corresponding selected object with a title within said content object different than said included title;

storing said created content object in said one or more object servers; and

storing information specifying the created content object and attribute information concerning the created content object in the library server.

61 (Currently amended). A system for creating a content object, being one of a book, a document, a collection of images, a collection of musical selections, a video and a multimedia object, from a collection of content stored in a digital library having a library server and one or more object servers, wherein the content object includes a user defined hierarchical structure including at least one hierarchical tier and at least one subordinate tier, the system comprising:

a user interface for presenting a plurality of selectable objects from the digital library to a user for inclusion in the content object, each selectable object representing a subset of the collection of content and including a title;

means for ~~enabling selection by~~ receiving from a user a selection of one or more of said selectable objects and a specification by said user of a location for each of one or more of said selected objects within said user defined hierarchical structure including at least one hierarchical tier and at least one subordinate tier;

means for creating the content object according to said user defined hierarchical structure, wherein the created content object includes ~~including a hierarchical compilation of the content~~

represented by ~~each~~ one or more of said selected objects and is arranged in accordance with said specified location ~~for~~ of each of one or more of said selected objects ~~by said user~~;

means for ~~enabling entry of~~ receiving a title selectively entered by said user for ~~the~~ each specified location of each of one or more of said selected objects within said hierarchical structure for a corresponding selected object and assigning said entered title to that specified location, wherein said entered and assigned title is different than said included title of the corresponding selected object ~~to provide the corresponding selected object with a title within said content object different than said included title~~;

means for storing said created content object in said one or more object servers; and

means for storing information specifying the created content object and attribute information concerning the created content object in the library server.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

- The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior arts of record do not render obvious, nor anticipate the combination of claimed elements including the technique of *receiving a title selectively entered by said user for each specified location of each of one or more of said selected objects and assigning said entered title to that specified location, wherein said entered and assigned title is different than said included title of the corresponding selected object* as recited in claims 1, 31 and 61. Thus, claims 1, 31 and 61 are allowed.

Dependent claims 3-26, 28, 29, 31, 33-56, 58, 59, 61, 63-86, 88, 89, 91-99 are allowed at least by virtue of their dependencies from claim 20 and 35.

- Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

- Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUNG Q. PHAM whose telephone number is 571-272-4040.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TIM T. VO can be reached on 571-272-3642. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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